

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Nanking, China

I, Lewis S. C. Smythe, do make the following statement:

I was born in Washington, D.C., in 1901. I took my undergraduate college work at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and my graduate work at the University of Chicago, where I received a Ph.D. in 1928.

I came to China as Professor of Sociology at the University of Nanking in October, 1928, under the United Christian Missionary Society of Indianapolis, Ind. I have been with the University of Nanking ever since. My only absences from China have been two furloughs, June, 1934 to September, 1935, and June, 1944, to January, 1946. I was in Nanking continuously from September, 1935 to July, 1938, excepting for July and August, 1937.

When the International Committee for the Nanking Safety Zone was formed in November, 1937, I participated in the preparatory discussions and was elected Secretary of the Committee. When the Committee formally opened its offices at 5 Ninghai Road, December 1, 1937, the Chairman, Mr. John H.D. Rabe, and I worked in the same office. When, after the entry of the Japanese to the city, it became evident that we would have to enter protests regarding mistreatment of Chinese civilians and disarmed soldiers, the practice was for me to draft the protest and then Mr. Rabe suggested that since we were of different nationalities, that we take turns signing them. We filed nearly two protests every day for the first six weeks of the Japanese occupation. Usually one of these was taken to the Japanese Embassy by Mr. Rabe and myself in person; the other was sent by messenger.

I made every effort possible to check the accuracy of cases before they were written up and filed with the Japanese Embassy. Wherever possible I interviewed the Committee representative who had investigated the case. I prepared for transmission to the Japanese Embassy only those cases which I considered had been accurately reported.

I do not have available copies of these reports. Copies of these documents were later filed with the American Embassy in Nanking. The reports and letters of transmittal and other letters from the Committee to the Japanese Embassy are correctly set forth in the publication by Hsu Shih-hsu: "Documents of the Nanking Safety Zone."

In the almost daily conferences that Mr. Rabe and I had with the Japanese Embassy, they at no time denied the accuracy of these reports. They continually promised that they would do something about it. But it was February, 1938, before any effective action was taken to correct the situation.

I made a survey of the war damage in the Nanking area in the spring of 1938. The results of this survey were published in "War Damage in the Nanking Area, December, 1937 to March, 1938, Urban and Rural Surveys." This was published by the Nanking International Relief Committee under date of June, 1938.

In witness whereof I have affixed hereto my signature at Nanking in the Republic of China, this seventh day of June, 1946.

/s/ Lewis S. C. Smythe
LEWIS S. C. SMYTHE.

(SEAL)

Republic of China, Province of Kiangsu, City of Nanking:
Embassy of the United States of America : ss
Subscribed and sworn to before me, Robert B. Moody,
Vice Consul of the United States of America, duly
commissioned and qualified, this 7th day of June,
1946. /s/ Robert B. Moody.
ROBERT B. MOODY
American Vice Consul.